

Never say never to no build on freeway project

Dear Editor:

Years ago, I remember that a citizens group formed that called themselves NEVER. They tried to stop the construction of the Squaw Peak Parkway (today known as Piestawa Freeway and Route 51). I grew up three blocks from the proposed route. NEVER claimed that the parkway wasn't needed, property values would go down and people would suffer health problems. In 1983, they put a proposal on the ballot to stop the parkway being built. It was soundly defeated by voters.

Today, that freeway is one of the lifelines of our city and it runs right through the middle of Phoenix. I cannot imagine our city without it. Their claims fell by the wayside and never came to fruition. Never say never! Or should I say, NEVER say no build!

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